



Imagine a world where every learner receives an education that effectively addresses their unique strengths, needs, and potential. Until now, education has lacked the infrastructure to pursue this vision and to truly understand how people learn best. Now, with a historic investment from the U.S. National Science Foundation, SafeInsights will become the nation's largest, most secure education research hub, with a mission to advance research that drives better learning for everyone.

About SafeInsights

SafeInsights is a large-scale, innovative education research hub that connects researchers, educational apps, and schools to understand how students learn across contexts and over time – all while protecting student privacy.

Led by Rice University, SafeInsights brings together a world-class team of researchers, engineers, and educators, as well as large-scale digital learning platforms that currently serve tens of millions of U.S. learners.

Anticipated Impact of Research

Because of SafeInsights' innovative approach to data privacy, researchers can securely study large, diverse groups of students over time as they use different learning platforms, leading to unprecedented discoveries on student learning.

Education research gained from SafeInsights will give researchers and educators the tools and practices to better support better learning opportunities for all students.

Our Unique Approach to R&D

SafeInsights enables researchers to conduct in-depth research while protecting privacy, unlocking insights without ever revealing student data.

By testing the efficacy of educational interventions on a nationwide scale, educators and policymakers can address complex questions about student success.

Invaluable insights can make learning experiences more effective and personalized for all.

Visit safeinsights.org to learn more and get involved.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is SafeInsights?

SafeInsights is an innovative education research hub that connects learning data from platforms across the country so researchers can deeply understand how students learn – all while protecting student privacy. SafeInsights was created to help researchers and educators understand how students in different settings learn best.

Why is SafeInsights so powerful?

Learning and education research today is often limited to looking at a small sample of students in an isolated moment in their education. Concerns over student privacy have (rightly) been a barrier to connecting information across platforms and broad periods of time. Because of SafeInsights' innovative approach to data privacy, researchers can securely study large, diverse groups of students over time as they use different learning platforms, leading to unprecedented discoveries.

Who benefits from SafeInsights?

Researchers will be able to explore new ways to understand and improve education for students at all levels. Schools and educational apps will benefit from research insights that improve the effectiveness of tools and learning environments. Equipped with evidence-based approaches, teachers can create more personalized experiences to help students learn best. And our nation will benefit when students are better prepared for success.

Who is funding and building SafeInsights?

SafeInsights is based at Rice University, with funding provided by the U.S. National Science Foundation. Its first founding member is OpenStax, a nonprofit edtech and R&D company committed to providing access to high-quality learning experiences for all students and teachers.

When will SafeInsights launch?

The SafeInsights research hub is set to launch in late 2026. If you are interested, contact us and sign up for email updates at safeinsights.org.

How will SafeInsights keep data secure?

Student privacy is our top priority. We use a unique technique that enables researchers to unlock valuable insights without revealing any student information to anyone (including the SafeInsights team), keeping student data in the learning tools where it already resides.

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